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Ambassador Javlon Vakhobov is a young diplomat who hopes to emphasize his country's alleged turn towards openness and reform. Ambassador Vakhobov presented his credentials to the State Department on October 18, 2017, and to President Donald Trump at the White House on November 29.

He was born in August 7, 1980, in Tashkent, then the capital of the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic, Ambassador Javlon Abdujalolovich Vakhobov earned an undergraduate degree at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy in Tashkent in 2001, and an M.A. in International Law at the same institution in 2003.

Ambassador Vakhobov joined the Uzbek Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2001, serving early career assignments as an attaché, 3rd secretary, and chief of division. In 2006, President Islam Karimov appointed Ambassador Vakhobov to the Uzbek National Security Council, serving as leading consultant and as head consultant until 2011, when he was promoted to deputy secretary of the Council.

For most of 2013, Ambassador Vakhobov served as director of the Institute for Strategic and Inter-Regional Research, a government-funded think tank in Tashkent. Ambassador Vakhobov joined the leadership team at the Foreign Ministry on November 12, 2013, as one of four deputy ministers of foreign affairs. On July 29, 2015, he was promoted to first deputy minister of foreign affairs, the title he held when he was appointed ambassador to the U.S.

Ambassador Javlon Vakhobov speaks English and Spanish, and is married with two children.

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